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Serial Nos. 1—7.

Part B for Sep. 13

SUBJECT.

Honours to the Sri Dotadri Vanamamalai Swamigalu & the Swamis of other Mutts.

Do, Mr. B. K. Garudachar, City Asst.

No. 190. D. 23-7-1913.

States that the matter is engaging the attention of Govt. & that their final Order would be intimated to him in due Course.

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FILE HEADING.

Honors to the Sri Totadri Vanamamalai Swamijaks of the Swamis of these Mats.

From

Mr. S. Venkata Rangacharyar & others

No. Petn Dated 16 May 12 Received

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

States that the Sri Vanamamalai matt is an important institution outside the State, that the honors now granted to the Swamigals are not consistent with the dignity & status of the matt, and request that high class honors may be ordered to be accorded to this Swamigals &c.

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2 [illegible] Dated 19th may 1910 by V Venkata [illegible] from [illegible] to [illegible], [illegible] under the orders of the Dewan – [illegible] Representation will receive due consideration & orders will be passed after a careful examination in all its aspects

3 [illegible] Regd 2030 Fasli VII – [illegible] the 18th [illegible] in the [illegible] – [illegible] this letter No 20 of 18th idem [illegible] and [illegible] Secretary to Govt Revenue Department, [illegible] Advocating that the case [illegible] Unbounded [illegible] practicable

1 The Sri Totadri (Vanamamalai) matt is situated at Vanamamalai, Nanguneri Taluk Tinnevelly District of the Madras Presidency and is said to possess property in the Madras Presidency & elsewhere yielding nearly 1 Lac of Rupees per year. Beyond having a branch matt at Melkote, this matt does not seem to possess any properties in the Mysore State

2 The matt is one of the most important Srivaishnava matts – It is of the Tengalai persuasion as the Sri Ahobala matt is of the Vadagalai persuasion. It Numbers among its disciples all the Tengalai portion of the Srivaishnavas in India, & has

N. Arcot. a very powerful among them

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there fore a very large following.

3 A previous High Priest of this matt seems to have come to Mysore in 1850 and* again to Bangalore in 1888, and on both these occasions, the Swamy was received with due honors from the Palace. What honors were paid to the Swamijis on those occasions will be evident from records in the Palace. This matter has fully been noted upon in Con^n with the Huzur Sec^t to His Highness the Maharajas D.O letter addressed to the Private Sec^t to the Dewan and the latter's D.O. No. 635 of 3^d may 1913 to the Mun: Supdt. These papers were rec^d by the P^te Sec^t to the Dewan on 10th may 1913

4 There are no references either in the Murrai Deptt or in the Vernacular & General Records of the Jud^l & Rev Secrett bearing on the subject of the visit of the Swamijis to the state, or of the honors that should be shown to him. Both Hindu attention is invited to the copy of Agama pattis of the Melkote Sri Narayanaswami temple which shows that in the said temple the Swamijis is entitled to the same honors as the

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Swami of the Sri Ahobala matt which though situated outside the State possesses extensive landed properties in the S. Nanarpur Taluk of the Mysore District. Attention is also invited to Rubkari No. 1073 (Copy submitted) dt 19 Nov. 1850 from Capt Montgomery Supdt of Ashtagram Division which directed that the same honors as were paid to the Sri Ahobala matt Swami should be shown to the Sri Vanamamalai Swami also. When early in 1881, the Swami of the Sri Ethiraja matt at melkote who was just then about to return to melkote from his extensive tour asked for privileges similar to those shown to the heads of the Totadri & other important matts being shown to him, Govt passed an order No 2020/65 dt 10.1.81 that that matt (Ethiraja matt) "Canoni- "Claim the privileges specially accorded "to the Sri larger & more important "matts noted in the margin" &c, and an endt No 2940 dt 6.2.81 was given to the agent that matt on those terms.

* Parakala matt
Ahobala matt
Sri Vanamamalai matt
Totadri matt
Sosilay matt
Melchala matt

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5 On a consideration of all these points and as there was not a regular scale of first days' Bhiksha payable to the Swamis when they visit Bangalore, a list ~~was~~ was set up according to the gracious orders of His Highness the Maharaja by Mr A. Subrahmanya Iyer in September 1909, and the Sri Totadri Vanamamalai Matt was placed alongside of the Sri Ahobala Matt which was given a first days' Bhiksha of Rs 75/- (Vide G.O No. 756-66 Mur. 128-09-1 dated the 13th Sept. 1909)

The list published with this order was, His Highness the Maharaja was pleased graciously to observe, "Carefully & judiciously prepared and is approved & sanctioned"

6 The present Swamigalu of the Sri Vanamamalai intimated his desire to visit Bangalore on his way to Melkote and Mysore Early this month. A Communication had also been received from the Residency in December 1912 Communicating the Madras Govt order in regard to the Swamigalu's journey in the Madras Presidency and in the Native States. A Pahadary was granted in Order No. 1956 Mur. Dis. 624-12-2 in the usual way directing all Amildars & other Taluk Officers to show him proper courtesy if he should visit their Talukes

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and bless to the safety of them & thus
debime from fear of molestation.
The Brindes that follow him are
but ordinary and as are follows:—
200 people.
3 palanquins (1 gold - 2 ordinary).
6 gold & Silver chattis (umbellas).
2 Chamaras
4 Silver & gold maces.
1 gold Surepana.
1 Silver Surepana.
1 Vyalee mace.
1 Camel with Drum.
1 Elephant.
3 horses (1 with Drum).

7 The only extra-ordinary brindee is the camel with Drum, which the disciples of the Sri Vyasaraja Swami Matt are entertaining as a special brindee granted by Mussalman Kings & the Swamis of the Sri Vyasaraja Swami Matt should not be allowed to be used by any other Matt. This forms the subject of a separate file, + with Library Workings
* Vide Sl. No 6 below
+ will be submitted Early. The Matt is a foreign one so far as the State of Mysore is concerned, and has been using this

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and the Brindavanies enroute, & so His Highness the Maharaja has been graciously pleased to pass them current in this State also.

3 As regards the honors given to the Swamijahs at Bangalore, it is reb? that they were of the same description as those paid to the Sri Srisanga matt which is placed alongside of the Varamamalai & Ahobala matts in the matter of the first days Bhikshas. The reason for taking the Srisanga matt's honors into consideration in this connection is that the Swami of that matt has visited these parts so often & that ~~the other two matts have not visited the State~~ there are no precedents for honors having been shown to the other two matts by Govt in the past.

4 In the present memorial, the disciples of the Sri Totadri matt who are men of light & leading among the Sri Vaishnava Brahmans, have represented to the Govt that while this matt is not inferior to either the Srirangam & Sri Uttaradi matts in point of its

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antiquity, sanctity, following &c, it has been relegated to the third place in the matter of honors, and request that the same honors as are shown to the Sri Singeri & Sri Uttaradi matts may be shown to the Sri Vanamamalai matt also.

10 It may not be out of place to mention below the several classes of honors shown to the several matts concerned -

1. The Sri Singeri matt - 1st Class -

an Escort of 1 Rissala of Sawars -
a set of Bandsmen.
a guard of honor
21 Guns.
& 300 Rs 1st days Bhiksha.

2. The Sri Uttaradi matt - 2d. Class

an Escort of 1 Brèdari of Sawars.
1 set of Bandsmen.
a guard of honor of 12 Sepoys.
13 Guns.
& 150 Rs 1st days Bhiksha.

3. The Sivaganga, Vyasaraja Swami, Raghavendra Swami Kudli Singeri, Ahobala, & Totadri matts.

3d. Class.

An Escort of 6 Sawars
a set of Bandsmen
& 75 Rs 1st days Bhiksha.

4. The Cochin Udipi matts, Subrahmanya matt,

is not quite correct. Military honours appear to be a new introduction and more or less personal to the Chief of some matts have not enjoyed them so far.

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Jetiraja matt, the 3 melbagal matts, Kudi Akshobhya matt, Bhimankatte Satajeeya Kanaka-Valajeer matts— 4th Class.

Rs 50- Vijaya Dhikshe.

11 Out of these 4th class matts, two matts viz the Akshobhya Tirtha matt and the majigahally matt at melbagal were honored with Sikkapal also consisting of the Head of the Murai Deptt and the Dy Comr of an Asstt Comr deputed by him, and 6 silledars In the case of Jetiraja matt, the Escort of 6 silledars has been refused. So in the case of the 4th class matts, the sikkakapal is not uniform but seems to depend upon the personal influence which each Swami exerts at the time of his visit.

12 In the case of the first three classes of matts, in addition to the honors mentioned, the Swamis are conducted in procession from the place of reception to the place of their residence, by the Murai Deptt, Deputy Comr of Bangalore, the

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The President and the Vice President of the Bangalore City Municipality, the Police Superintendent and the Amildar of Bangalore with the principal residents of the city. Necessary Police arrangements are also ordered to be made in the Place of reception of the Swamiji, & on the way through the town to the Place of residence, and a few Police men are detailed for duty in the matt so long as the Swamiji stays in Bangalore. The Amildar is asked to look to the needs of the persons.

14 Such are the ~~honours~~ 4 Classes of honors paid to the Swamijis of the matts concerned.

15 In Connection with a telegram dated the 8th May 1913 from Rao Bahadur Mr. A. Srinivasa Charlu (late mur: Secy.) in regard to the honors due to the Swamijis of the Sri Totadri Vânamamalai matt & the Swamiji's reply telegram that Gentlemen that the "Honors sanctd. for the Totadri Vanamamalai Swamiji

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"are in accordance with best information
"available regarding precedents. much
"regret there is no time to reconsider",
the Dewan was pleased to call for
further remarks or suggestions, if any,
through the 7th councillor. The office
note having been sub? to the 7th councillor,
he was pleased to remark × "I fear that
"if we begin revising, there will be
"no end of trouble" &c.

16 The Swamyjis of the Sri Vyasaraja Swami matt is coming on the 28th inst (wednesday), and the disciples of their matt are aggrieved that their matt has been assigned the third rank in point of honors. The Swamyjis of the Sri Raghavendra Swami matt at Nanjangud having notified his intention to visit Bangalore on his way to Manthralaya, a pahaday has been granted, and he is also likely to join the Vyasaraja matt in the agitation for higher honors.

17 It is submitted that rightly or wrongly some classification of the matts has been made in view of their status, their endowments within the state,

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the Extent of them following in the State, the honors granted to them in the past by Govt & the Palace, the personal influence which the presiding High Priest wielded at the time &c &c, and that if the orders once passed in the case of any one matt are revised, the desciples of the matts of equal rank will doubtless claim a reconsideration of the orders passed in the case of their matts, and thus "there will be no end of trouble". If it be considered necessary to revise any of the previous orders of Govt in the case of one matt, the whole question of honors to the several matts, which the Dewan has been pleased to say in his letter No 20 dated 18.5.13 "deserves very careful consideration "before a decision is reached", will have probably to be taken up for reconsideration & final decision.

Orders solicited.

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16 Are any records available about the grounds of these honours to Swamiji, Uttaradi and the Matts in the pre-reindition days. If so pl. transl

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1	Collect all the materials available since the question relating to the reception at the Francis at Bangalore. Is there any record in the office to show the origin of the ground of Military honours to the Swamijees. 2) Put up question relating to the M. days Bikshe. 2) I understand that a representation has also been received from the disciples of the Adhila Mutt. Now is also a representation from the Vyasaraya Mutt The connected papers may also be put up so that the whole question may be taken up together and dealt with. Ker 28.5.13
4	M. B. K. Saraudachar, City merchant, Bangalore city Petition dt 23-5-13 States that the Sri Adhila matt has been assigned the third place which it is entitled to the first class honors along with the Sri Sunferi & Sri Parakala matts and prays that first class honors may be given to this matt.
5	From the disciples of the Sri Vyasaraya Swami matt. Pray that the same honors as are accorded to the Sri Adhila Matt

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	Matt may be accorded to the Sri Vyasaraja Swami Matt also.
6	From the Disciples of the Sri Vyasaraja Swami Matt. Pray for the prohibition of the use of the insignia 'Simhasanam' and Chauri' by the Swamigals of the Sri Tatvad. Matt, as it is objected to [illegible] by Pys
2	Vide under Secretary's orders on pages 12 & 13. all available papers of the Pre Rendition days regarding the grant of Rahadaries & reception of Swamies of different matts have been collected and are subd for kind perusal. They relate to the Sri Sringeri, Sri Uttaradi & Sri Vyasaraja Swami Matts Unfortunately there are no records regarding the reception of the Swamigals of the Sri Ahobila matt & of the Sri Vanamamalai matt. The papers regarding the Uttaradi and the Vyasaraja Swami matts show that while Rahadaries were granted to the Swamies of those matts whenever they toured out, there is nothing to indicate that a Military escort

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and similar honors were allowed them. The papers regarding the Sri Sringeri matt show that a Military Escort was always allowed to the Swamijahs. As for a Salute of guns on the occasion of their visit, there are absolutely no records to show that such honor was ever accorded to any Mathadhipathy Except perhaps the Swamijahs of the Sri Sringeri Matt as is evidenced by Copy of a D.O. from Mr St. Dorme* dy 6.5.07 that he had a very distinct recollection of having "ordered a Salute of 21 guns to be fired "both on the arrival & departure of "the Sringeri Guru in 1895". It is only to be presumed that this Salute of 21 guns ordered to be fired in 1895 should have been based upon previous practice in the pre rendition days. 25 In the case of the Sri Uttaradi Matt, Military Escort and firing of 13 guns are seem to have had a later origin. File No 89 of 1896 which is a Collection of D.O letters on the Subject of the reception of and granting of

* Vide also D.O from Mr Dorme dy 8.6.95 to Mr Srinivasachariar in Mar: File 80 of 1895 (Sect I)

Mere is absolutely nothing to show that this was the case. It must probable that a gun was fired on the railway station at practical point

Against the Mysore Name should have appeared

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honors to the Swamijahs of the Sri Uttarade matt, shows that that was the first time that the Swamijahs of this matt was accorded the honors of a military escort & a military Salute

26 All the ceremonial files relating to the post-Rendition period up to date have been collected, and are submitted for perusal as directed on page 13 above They are as follows:-

1) M.J. 104 of 1901, Akshobhya Tirtha Swamis visit in 1902
2) M.J. 105 of 1901, Majjigahally Swamis in 1901
3) 80 of 1895 - Sringeri Swamis visit in 1895- (2 sections)
4) 89 of 1896 - Uttarade matt Swamis visit in 1896
5) 151 of 1904 Sivaganga Swamis visit in 1905 (2 sections)
6) 79 of 1908 Vyasaraya Swamis visit in 1909 (he did not come)
7) 333 of 10-11 - Sringeri Swamis visit in 1911
8) 465 of 12 - Sivaganga Swamis visit in 1913
9) 624 of 12 - Totadri Swamis visit in 1913
10) 596 of 12 Vyasaraya Swamis visit in 1913

10 files with 12 Collections —

27 As regards the higher honors claimed by the disciples of the Sri Ahobila matt from the Swamijahs of their matt, it is submitted that what applies to the Sri Vanamamalai Totade matt applies with equal force to the Sri ahobila matt also They

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are placed on Equal footing both in the agacut patti of the Sri Melkote Narayana Swami temple as pointed out in para 4 Supra, and in G. O. Nr. 755-66/mur 12-09-1 dt 13.9.09 fixing the first days Bhiksha of the several matts.

The disciples of the Sri Vyasaraja Swami Matt claim Equal honors ~~with~~ for their Swamijulu with those accorded to the Swamijulu of the Sri Uttaradi matt. Except as regards the grant of insignias any peculiar to the two matts which are all specifically mentioned in the Sahadaries granted from time to time, these two matts are being treated alike in point of honors to be shown in the Melkote Narayanaswami & other temples. A difference was, however, made between them in the matter of 1st days Bhikshe in that while the Uttaradi matt was being paid *100 Rs, the Vyasaraja matt was given Rs 75/-. It was only in 1896 for the first time that the Uttaradi matt Swamijulu was given a Military Escort & a salute of 13 guns. [All the correspondence in the matter was conducted then Demi-officially]. There does not seem to be any reason why such

* Vide the Uttaradi matt file 89 of 1896

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a difference should now be made between two matts of Equal Status. That these two matts are of Equal status is shown by Mr. Subrahmanyam's note on pages 4-8 in Inner File No 79 of 1908. re intended visit of the Vyasaraya Swamigalu in 1909

2. The disciples of the Sri Vyasaraja-Swami Matt further claim that the insignia "Kettledrum on camel" is a Special Birudu granted to the Swamigalu of their matt should not be used by the Swamigalu of any other matt, and pray that the Swamigalu of the Sri Potadi matt who used the same when he visited this state may be prohibited from using it. On a previous occasion, it was brought to the notice of Govt that the Swamigalu of the Kundapur Vyasaraja Swami matt used this Birudu while touring out; Enquiry was set on foot in the matter, the Sannads in the possession of the Sri Vyasaraja Swami Matt were examined; and it was found out & decided that this was a Special insignia to be used by no other matt Except the Vyasaraja Swami matt; and the Swamigalu of the Kundapur Vyasaraja matt was ordered not to use the same without the Special order of Govt. (vide

The order is to the effect that the Kundapur Swamy must not use it. I am aware that it has been decided authoritatively that the honor is exclusive to the Sosale

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Vide inner file No. 316 of 09 Port in the case of the Sri Vanamamalai Totadri matt, ~~the Sri~~ the matt being a foreign one using the insignia in question 'en route', it was passed current also in the state without any special enquiry. No further enquiry in the matter, nor the prohibition prayed for by the disciples of the Sri Vyasa-raja swami matt, seems now called for.

30 Lastly, as regards the first days' Bhiksha, there have been complaints from the Vyasaraja matt, Totadri matt, & the Ahobila matt disciples. In fact it is the order regarding the first days bhiksha that marks the line of demarcation between matt & matt as regards the honors to be granted; at any rate it has greatly influenced the grant of honors & the Swamigalus of the Totadri & the Vyasaraja matts recently. Inner. File. No. 125-09 which fixes the rates of the first days' Bhiksha & the several matts to be paid, for kind perusal. The opening lines of the notes in this file shows that His Highness the Maharaja was pleased to call for "an exhaustive list of matts entitled

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* by their states to the grant of Pattikha.
"The Mun: Deptt may be instructed to
"have such a list prepared & submitted
"for my approval" A list was prepared
under the orders of Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer
and was submitted for the gracious
approval of His Highness; and His
Highness' order on the list ~~was~~ is
"The list of mattis has been carefully
& judiciously prepared, and is approved
"& sanctd. I approve of the proposal to
"omit the Parakala matt from the list
"for the reasons stated". This list was
published with G.O no 756-66/Mj 12-09-1
dy 13.9.09. and is now in force

31 The Dewan while sending up the
opinions of the first & second Councillors
regarding the grant of Military Escort & band
to the Swamijahs of the Sri Vijayaraya Swami
matt, to the Hon'ble Mr. Bruce Secy to His Highness
the Maharaja* for orders of H.H being
obtd in May 1913, has been pleased to
say, "If 24 mattis are accorded these
"honors, the amt of public time spent on
"the ceremonies will be very considerable
"and it will also interfere with the duties
"of Govt officers. Some reasonable limitation

* Vide Dewan's D.O. dy 22.5.13 (last para) Mun. Mujra Bundle

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"seem necessary. The question will be "separately studied by the Councillors & "myself and a report submitted" and while sending the connected papers with His Highness' orders on the main question, says in his orders dt 30.5.13 × × "The last para of my D.O dated the 22nd inst/13 "(Extracted above) to Mr. Mirza M. Ismail "indicates the further action that has to be "taken in the matter.

"I shall be glad if the Secy. will kindly "work up the case & circulate the papers "to the Councillors for further needful action"

32. The 24 matts referred to by the Dewan seem to be those mentioned in G.O no 755-66/Mun-1 28-09-1 & 13.9.1909 fixing the first day's Bikhsa of the matts. In this connection, it is respectfully submitted that even in the Chief Commr's days, the Chief Comm. invariably requested a native Officer of Experience & status not below the rank of a Dy Supdt of Division to wait upon the High Priest who signified his intention to come to Bangalore - Vide Sri Srinjin matt papers - Letter no. 4185/559 dt 26.Oct. 1807. (to Mr. Krishnamurthy - Dy Supdt Bkay). Such deputations of Govt. Officers of status

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for the reception of the High Priests of Mutts will be not only satisfying to the feelings of the Guru, but will also serve to be a check on the unauthorised display of insignias & chanting of Pranavas which may be prejudicial to the feelings of other Sects.

3. Orders are now required on the following points:-

(i) Higher honors to the Sri (Vanamamalai) Tolādri Swamigals

(ii) Higher honors to the Sri Ahobila Mutt Swamigals

(iii) Higher honors to the Sri Vyasaraja Mutt Swamigals Equal to those accorded to Uttradi mutt.

(iv) Prohibition of the use of insignia of "Kettle drums on Camel" by any other Mutt than the Sri Vyasaraja Swami Mutt.

(v) Some limitations to be placed in the matter of Govt. Officers being deputed to look to the reception of Mutthadhipatties.

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23.7.13

(For further action please see Murrai Under-Secy's typed note kept separately).

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7.	To. B. K. Garudachar, City Court No. 190 · D 23-7-1913 Stating that the matter is engaging the attention of Govt. & that their final order would be intimated to him in due course.

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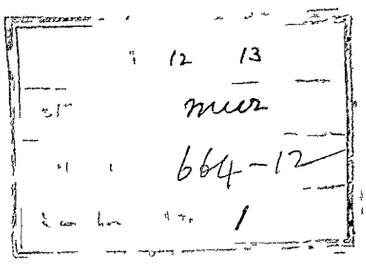

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DEWAN'S OFFICE.
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To

M. Visvesvaraya, Esq., B.A., M.I.C.E., C.I.E.,

Dewan to His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore.

Sir,

The Vaishnavite subjects of His Highness the Maharajah, humbly and respectfully submit, as follows:-

1. While feeling thankful to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja for its solicitude in showing honours to His Holiness Sri Vanamamalai Swamigal of Totadri, they are sorely pained to see that honours consistent with the dignity and status of the Mutt were not accorded on the occasion of His Holiness's arrival on the 9th instant, at Bangalore.

2. The order communicating the grant of honours having been received just on the night of the 7th instant, no action could be taken for moving your Honour for a reconsideration of the order in time.

3. The Government order of September 1909, regarding the scale of Biksha, on which the present order is apparently based, was not known to the Mutt or its followers. It was evidently passed on insufficient information, with regard to the status of this important Mutt throughout India.

4. It is admitted on all hands that this Mutt is a first class Vaishnavite Mutt of no less importance than the Sri Sringeri Mutt, in respect of its antiquity, sanctity, following, etc. It owns property, yielding an annual income of nearly a lac of rupees, and includes among its disciples the Mahant of Tirupati, other Mahants, Maharajas, Rajas, Zemindars, big merchants, etc., all over India.

When a previous Swamigal of the Mutt paid a formal visit

visit to the capital in the year 1850, His Highness Krishnaraja Odeyar Bahadur III, G.C.S.I., received His Holiness in person with First class honours and presented him with costly and precious jewels.

6. Captain Montgomery's Nirup of 1850, the ayakattupatty of the Melkota Temple of 1852 relating to the honours to be accorded to the Swamis of various Mutts, and other records afford indisputable evidence that this Mutt is entitled to First class Honours.

7. The present Swamigal is on an extensive tour throughout India. During His Holiness's halts in the states of Travancore and Cochin, His Holiness was accorded the same honours as were accorded to His Holiness Sri Sringeri Swamigal. Vide copy of Cochin state Proceedings herewith enclosed for ready reference.

8. The residents of the Civil and Military station of Bangalore are desirous of taking His Holiness in procession through the city, to the sacred shrines situated in the station, with due honours befitting the Status of His Holiness among Matadhipatis. It is therefore, solicited that the present order sanctioning third class honours for this Mutt, which is due apparently to a misapprehension of facts, may kindly be reconsidered by His Highness the Maharaja as early as possible, in the light of the new information now supplied.

Awaiting the favour of early orders in the matter,

We beg to subscribe ourselves,

S. Venkatadrangaiyengar

G.K. Devaswamy. Chetty

M.V. Varadhara Mudr.

Issued on 19th May 1913. from
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Offl. memorandum.

With reference to their interview with the Dewan on the 16th May 1913, in the matter of according higher honors to the Swamigalu of the Sri Vanamamalai Thadaivu Mutt, the members of the deputation on behalf of the said Mutt are informed that their representation will receive due consideration and orders will be passed after a careful examination of the question in all its aspects.

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S. Venkataranga Iyengar Esq
Retired Assist Commr
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Fernhill.

17th May 1913.

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My dear Sir,

A deputation from the disciples of the Swamigalu of the Sri Vanamamalai Matt now at Bangalore met me yesterday by appointment, to represent that higher honours might be shown to the Swamigalu by the Government. You are perhaps aware that according to the order of September 1909 (a printed copy of which I herein enclose), this Matt and the Ahobal Matt are with some others placed third in order as regards the amount to be sanctioned by Government for the State Biksha. The disciples of the Matt contend that the Swamigalu should be shown the same honours that are shown to the Swamigalu of a first class Matt, viz., the Sringeri Matt.

Though it is not laid down in the order of 1909, referred to above, it may in proper cases be desirable to send a detachment of our local troops to escort the gurus of important Matts. Accordingly, under His Highness' orders the Swamigalu of the Vanamamalai Matt was escorted by Six Silledars when he formally entered Bangalore and a set of Bandsmen was also ordered to be in attendance, while the Huzrai Superintendent, the Deputy Commissioner, Municipal President, the Superintendent of Police and the principal residents of the City were all required to receive the Swamigalu and conduct him in procession through the main streets till he reached his appointed residence.

As will be seen from the memorial submitted by them, the disciples now pray that the strength of the escort should be increased to the same number that is allowed to the Sringeri Swamigalu, and that in other respects also there should be no distinction in the treatment to be accorded to the two Matts.

In passing the order just alluded to with the sanction of His Highness, Government strictly followed the order of 1909, which seems to have been passed after due deliberation. But now that the disciples of the Matt want higher honours, I have asked the Secretary to send up all papers duly worked up, so that the case may be placed before His Highness for his gracious decision. At this stage I need only remark that the questions raised are not free from difficulties and already the disciples of the Swamigalu of another Matt, viz., of the Vyasaraya Matt of Bosale, who is also expected in Bangalore on the 25th instant, have begun to agitate for higher honours than what are accorded to the Swamigalu of that Matt.

The whole question seems to deserve very careful consideration before a decision is reached. I have informed the members of the deputation that their representations will be submitted to His Highness at once and that they will be duly considered and orders passed after a careful examination of the question in all its aspects. I have in the meanwhile mentioned these facts for the information of His Highness.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- M. Visvesvaraya.

Mirza M. Ismail Esqr., B.A.,

Offg. Huzur Secretary to His Highness

the Maharaja of Mysore,

Fernhill.

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Copy to the General and Revenue Secretary for favour of working up the case and submitting it through the Councillors as early as practicable. The matter should be treated as urgent.

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To,

M.Visvesvaraiya,Esq.,B.A.,M.I.C.E.,C.I.E.,
Dewan to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Sir,

I, the undersigned secretary of the Sri Ahobila Matt Sishya Sabha respectfully and humbly submit the following facts and circumstances:-

1. The honors, rights and privileges which the several important Matadhipathis throughout India, enjoy or are entitled to on their arrival in the Mysore State, are in accordance with the Nirups issued, and practice or usage authorized by His Highness Sri Krishnaraja Odeyar III G.C.S.I.

2 His Highness Sri Krishnaraja Odeyar III used to show Military honors etc. to the Matadhipathis on their arrival at Mysore, consistant with their status and dignity.

3. It will be seen from Vamsaratnakara and other records of the Palace that first class honors were shown to the Swamigalu of Sri Ahobila Matt on the occasions of their visits to the city of Mysore during the life time of His Highness Sri Krishnaraja Odeyar III.

4. It is a well known fact that the then Swamigalu of Sri Ahobila Matt was present at the Installation of His Highness Sri Krishnaraja Odeyar III in 1799, and at the Opening ceremony of the Wellesley Bridge in 1806.

5. Purniaha's Parvana of the year 1806 and the Nirup of 1826 issued by His Highness Sri Krishnaraja Odeyar III both of which are recorded in the Melkote Temple books,

books, and the Ayakattu Patti dated 10th July 1851, clearly prove that first class equal honors have to be shown in Temples both to Sri Parakala Swamigal and Sri Ahobila Swamigal. A copy of the Nirup of 1826 is herewith submitted for ready reference.

6. An oral order of His Highness Sri Krishnaraja Odeyar in 1825-26 directing that equal honors should be shown to Sri Parakala Swamigal and Sri Ahobila Swamigal is recorded in the Melkote Temple books.

7. It would appear that some years after the Rendition first class Military honors etc. similar to those which used to be accorded to the Swamigalu of the first class Matts on the occasions of the visits to the city of Mysore, during the life time of His Highness Sri Krishna-Raja Odeyar III, were sanctioned in favour of His Holiness Sri Sringeri Swamigalu on the occasion of His Holiness' visit to the Bangalore City.

8. The Swamigalu of Sri Ahobila Matt have not visited the Mysore State after the Rendition, and therefore have not had an opportunity of enjoying such honors.

9. The present Swamigalu of Sri Ahobila Matt feels pained to learn from the Mysore Government Order No. 756-66- Muz. 128-09-1 dated 15th September 1909, on which the third class honors sanctioned in the Government Order No.1963-7/ Muz. 624-12-4, dated 7th May 1913, for His Holiness Sri Totadri Swamigal who arrived in Bangalore on the 9th instant are based, that the Sri Ahobila Matt has been ranked as a third class Matt and its status as a first class Matt has thereby been lowered.

10. It is an admitted fact that Sri Parakala Matt is entitled to all first class honors. It is conclusively clear from the facts stated above that equal honors have

have to be shown to Sri Parakala Swamigalu and Sri Ahobila Swamigalu. Consequently the classification made in the said order of 13th September 1909, seems to have been made incorrectly under a misapprehension of facts; and this order which was evidently passed on insufficient information with regard to the status of Sri Ahobila Matt in India, was never communicated to it; and now for the first time it has come to know of it.

11. It is admitted on all hands that Sri Parakala Matt, Sri Ahobila Matt and Sri Vanamamalai (Totadri) Matt are first class Sri Vaishnavaite Matts of no less importance than the Sri Sringeri Matt, in respect of their sanctity, antiquity, property, following, etc.

12. Under the above circumstances, it is requested that the Order of 13th September 1909, in question, may be kindly reconsidered and revised so as to rank the Sri Ahobila Matt with that of the first class.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

"City Mail" Bangalore City. 23-V-1910

N K Ramachar

DIARY No 2202

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To

Muzari Secretary

to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

We the undersigned desciples of the Sri Vyasaraya Mutt and other Madhva Brahmins assembled at the time of the Vidwat Sabha conducted in person by His Holiness Sri Math Vidya Ratnakara Tirtha Sri Padengalavara of the above Mutt beg to represent as follows:-

(1) While thanking the benign Government for the honor accorded to our Swamigalavaru, we beg respectfully to state that the honors now sanctioned are inadequate considering the antiquity, learning and the intimate friendliness that ---- always existed between the Gracious Sovereigns of Mysore and the previous Swamigalu.

(2) The Government themselves have admitted that the Sri Vyasaraya Mutt is an important institution and ~~has~~ has been classed along with 6 others, inclusive of the Sri --- Uttaradhi Mutt.

(3) That your applicants are unaware of the reasons which have actuated the benign Government of His Gracious ------- Highness the Maharaja of Mysore in drawing a difference -- between the Sri Uttaradhi Mutta and the Sri Vyasaraya Mutt.

(4) The Sri Vyasaraya Mutt has, as influencial and large a following in the South as the Sri Uttaradhi Mutta has in the North and in ~~the~~ point of antiquity and learning there is no difference between them.

We therefore beg that the benign Government of our Gracious Sovereign will be pleased to reconsider the --- whole question and accord to the Sri Vyasaraya Mutt the same honors as they have accorded to the Sri Uttaradhi Mutt.

We beg in this connection to state that it would be invidious to make distinctions between the Matha-thrayas and the most simple solution which would please every one concerned would be to treat the Matha-trayas as equal in every respect.

For which act of justice your applicants will ever remain ~~[illegible]~~ grateful.

We beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants.

Sriba Rao

Retd Supdt, Govt Research

D Venkataramana Rao B.A.B.L.

Deputy Coimbatore

N Srinivasa Char M.A.

Govt. High School Bangalore

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To

Mr. B. K. Saundaraja Iyengar
Asst Amt
Bangalore

Date of issue 23-7-1913

Signed by Aravamudan Iyengar

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your application dated 23rd inst. addressed to the Dewan of Mysore praying for the grant of first class honors to the Swamijahu of the Sri Ahobila matt, and to state that the subject

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Government Order No.756-66/Muz.F.128-09-1 dated 13th September 1909 fixing a scale of first day's Bhiksha from Government on the occasion of the visits of Gurus of important Mathas to Bangalore.

2. Government Order No.1963-7/Muz.F.No.624-12-4 dated the 7th May 1913 sanctioning a public reception to His Holiness the Swamigalu of the Sri Thotadri (Vanamamalai) Matha in the Nanguneri Taluk of the Tinnevelly District, during his last visit to Bangalore.

3. Petition dated 18th June 1913 from Mr. C. Venkatarangachariar and other disciples of the above Matha praying the claims of the Matha for a higher scale of honours.

4. Representations dated 27th May 1913 and 23rd May 1913 from Messrs. G. Rajagopalachariar, General Secretary, Sri Ahobala Matha Sishya Sabha, Chintadripet and B.K. Garuda Sher, City Court, Bangalore City, respectively requesting that the Ahobala Matha may be ranked with the Mathas of the 1st class in the Government Order of September 1909 referred to above.

5. Srimukha dated 12th April 1913 from the Sri Swamigalu of the Sri Vyasaraya Matha representing the claim of the Matha to a higher scale of honours.

6. Petition without date from the disciples of Sri

Vyasaraya Matha praying that no distinction should be made in the scale of honours between the Matheertyas.

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ORDER PASSED ON: No.1815-20/Inv.165-15-1

Dated Vellore, 1st February 1816

The representations have been examined by Government in reference to available precedents and the Commissioner's line of opinion to which no change is called for in the scale of public reception to be given to the Gurus of the various Mutts on their visit to Vellore.

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To

The Agents of the Vellore & Arcot Zillas.

Memorl. S. Vaikuntaraja Ayyangar.
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S. Rajagopala Venkatar. Tengal.
C. P. Pabbe Rao.

Sri Srimushnavam of Sri Vaikuntam, who are visiting [illegible].